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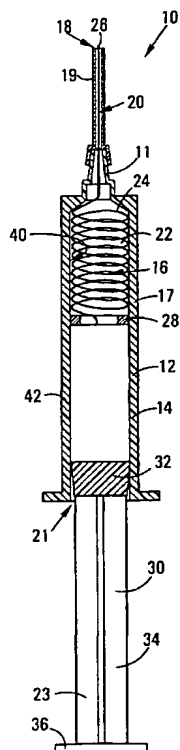
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(57) **Abstract:** This invention relates to a method of feeding a suture element (24), which method includes using fluid pressure to displace the suture element (24). The invention extends to a suture element feeding device (10) which includes a body (12) defining a fluid flow path (20) and a fluid inlet (502) whereby a fluid under pressure can be fed into the fluid flow path (20). The body (12) further defines a suture element inlet whereby a suture element (24) can be fed into the fluid flow path (20) for displacement along the fluid flow path (20) together with the fluid, and an outlet (18) whereby the fluid and suture element (24) can be fed from the device (10), the fluid flow path (20) connecting the fluid inlet (502), the suture element inlet and the outlet (18) in flow communication. The invention relates also to a medical implement.



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